

Opening Speech by Mr. Yen Yuen Ho Tony, S.B.S., J.P., the Supervisor
at the 43rd Graduation Ceremony of
Kiangsu-Chekiang College (Shatin)
on December 5, 2024

Mr. Sum Wong, Mr. Chang, Directors of the Association, School Managers, Principal Chan, Distinguished Guests, Parents, Teachers, Graduates and Students,

I am very pleased today to attend the School's graduation ceremony, and to see so many happy faces everywhere in the school campus. I vividly recall the scene that came into sight at our School's 45th Anniversary celebration dinner in March this year. The dinner event was held with 360 people attended. Among them were mostly alumni of the School. There and then one could feel a strong atmosphere of happiness and harmony that sprang up at every corner of the site. In particular, I noticed that in their cheerful conversation with teachers, all the students and alumni had shown a deep sense of love and respect to the teachers – teachers who spent so much time and efforts in educating them, and teachers who accorded them so much love, care and encouragement in the past years. One could not therefore stop wondering just how much painstaking efforts that our school teachers have put in and given to our students in the whole span of their teaching career at our School before the teachers could win so much of the students' love and respect! Let me here salute to all our teachers and school principals, present and former. You are all wonderful educators!

Now please let me continue with my observation of the behavior of the alumni at the March school anniversary dinner event. As I just said, their attitude towards the teachers showed love and respect. This also shows that our students are appreciative. To be appreciative is a good value of one's personal accomplishment. I am sure you will all agree with me that we must count ourselves lucky to have been living in Hong Kong this safe and lovely city, away from war and severe natural disasters; lucky to have stayed with a warm family with loving parents; and lucky to have studied in a good school with so many caring teachers and chummy schoolmates. So let us treasure and be appreciative of all these!

Thanks to the dedication and professionalism of our strong and caring team of teachers and staff, under the capable leadership of School Principal Chan, we see in the past year a school which maintains an excellent place for our students to pursue secondary school education. Students of our School again did well and came off with flying colors in many ways. In a short while, Principal Chan will tell us in more detail regarding the excellent performance and achievements that our students have made, in both academic and non-academic areas. Suffice for me to say now that among all secondary schools in Hong Kong, KCC (Shatin) remains to be one of the best! Let me give our students the thumbs up!

To our graduating students, today is an important occasion for you. For you will all leave KCC (Shatin) to pursue an advanced and yet different career from that of a secondary school environment. Whatever you choose to pursue, do your utmost always and you would have had a sense of fulfilling. I would also urge you that, in navigating through your career and voyage of life, always bear deeply in mind our school motto "Be orderly and respectful" – in the sense that you should make critical and serious analysis on all the information and problems that come to you, and tidy up all your thoughts before you hastily jump to a conclusion or make an important decision. Discretion is the better part of valor! In addition to remembering

the school motto, do also place closely to your chest the 10 Students' Code of Behavior. They together constitute important ethical guides useful life-long for all of you even after you have left school. With these words, I wish you all the best in all your future endeavors.

Now allow me to present to you today's officiating guest. He is Mr Wong Cheuk Sum. Sum is a Year 2009 graduate of this School. After graduating from KCC (Shatin), Sum was admitted into The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology where he obtained a Bachelor Degree of Engineering. His other academic pursuit includes two short term studies at the Tsinghua University and George Washington University respectively in 2010 and 2012.

Career-wise, Sum is an entrepreneur. He is the Co-founder and CEO of EventX, which is a software company that provides event lead generation and event management solutions for businesses, marketers and event organizers. The Company organized successfully over 6,000 corporate events in 102 countries using its AI powered event management system. As a start-up company in 2014 with only 3 staff members, EventX has now grown to a sizable company with nearly 100 employees. In 2021, Sum won The Hong Kong Ten Outstanding Youth Entrepreneurs award.

Today, Sum is back to his Alma Mater. He will in a moment share with us about his career experience. I am sure that all of us here, in particular his junior schoolmates, will find it both interesting and aspiring to hear how a dedicated and outstanding young entrepreneur employs his knowledge, innovation and personal skill to build and concrete an amazing career path.

Thank you!